

MR. ANGELL: Thank you very much. It's a delight for me to be back in Kansas City, because when I grew up, in a small farm town in western Kansas, everything was up-to-date in Kansas City, and so I thought this was the brightest spot in the world, and it always will continue to be that as I have chances to come back.

We're delighted, on the first panel, to have Harry Cleberg, the CEO of Farmland Industries, and Charles Kruse, the President of Missouri Farm Bureau, with us.

The first panel may be separated from the first speaker and the second speaker, as Governor Carnahan is expected to be here in about 15 minutes time.

Harry Cleberg is the outstanding CEO of a very outstanding organization, one of the world's largest agricultural cooperative organizations. Farmland Industries has 1,700 cooperative members and I believe 600,000 farmers.

It's a delight to be back in Kansas City, Harry, and it's a delight to welcome you to the

Commission hearing. And we will look forward to your remarks.